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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cheney DATE TYPED 2/10/05 HB 573

SHORT TITLE Lobbyist Regulation Act SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the Lobbyist Regulation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State (SOS)

Corrections Department (CD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 573 proposes an amendment to the Lobbyist Regulation Act to include a requirement that all registered lobbyists be citizens of the United States.

Significant Issues

The provision of this bill has a potentially detrimental effect to the lobbying efforts of individuals and industry representatives who are not U.S. citizens but who conduct business in the state. This bill appears to work counter to the forces of globalization and transnational initiatives. Legislators and the executive have stressed the importance of increasing the state's role in the international community, especially in the area of international trade.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State would be required to update the lobbyist registration forms to accommodate the provision in this bill. The cost for updating would be minimal.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

There would continue to not be a citizenship requirement for lobbyists in New Mexico.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What are the negative effects of non-citizens engaging in lobbying activity in New Mexico?

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